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Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 48, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, and 57 are amended. Claims 49 and 50 are canceled. New claims 58-61 are added. Accordingly, claims 48 and 51-61 are pending.

Claims 52, 55, 56, and 57 are objected to for reasons stated in the Office Action. Claims 52, 55, 56, and 57 are amended to overcome the objections. Applicant notes that claim language recited in claims 51 and 53 is similar to claim language recited in claims 55 and 57, respectively. Accordingly, claims 51 and 53 are also amended.

Applicant would like to point out that the rejection of claims 48 and 51-61 of the present application is improper for at least the reasons explained hereinbelow.

With reference to U.S. Patent No. 6,650,225 to Bastian, II et al. ("Bastian"), Applicant notes that the Office Action states "The suggestion/motivation would have been to provide wireless communication with the remote computers or controllers of Copenhaver to reduce wired connections, increase flexibility and reduce installations and maintenance costs. See Bastian, col. 1, line 65-col. 2, line 6 and col. 9, lines 41-49."

Applicant would like to point out that the structure resulting from modifying Copenhaver et al. in view of Petersen et al. and further in view of Boss (referred to herein as "the modified structure of Copenhaver") is already "wireless". The modified structure of Copenhaver is already "wireless" because Boss discloses that the electronic identification tags on the exterior of a bin may be bar codes or color strips which can be read by an optical scanner (see column 3, lines 43-47 in the specification of Boss). Since the modified structure of Copenhaver is already "wireless", there could be no motivation or suggestion to further modify the modified structure of Copenhaver in view of Bastian "to provide wireless communication with the remote computers or controllers of Copenhaver to reduce wired connections, increase flexibility and reduce installations and maintenance costs", as the Examiner proposes. The modified structure of Copenhaver has no wires to replace with wireless communication.

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If the Examiner continues to reject claims 48 and 51-61 of the present application by modifying Copenhaver et al. in view of Petersen et al. and further in view of Boss, and still further in view of Bastian, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically point out where the wires are located in the modified structure of Copenhaver (i.e., the structure of Copenhaver et al. modified in view of Petersen et al. and further in view of Boss). Applicant also respectfully requests that the Examiner explain why one skilled in the art would further modify the modified structure of Copenhaver in view of Bastian to include wireless communication when the modified structure of Copenhaver is already "wireless". Absent an adequate explanation, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the claims is improper and, therefore, should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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